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LOK SABHA

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UNIFORM SPECIFICATION OF PADDY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representation from the public representatives for relaxation of uniform specification of paddy for the coming marketing season 2004-05 in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Orissa is prone to frequent unprecedented natural calamity affecting the normal crop quality in general and paddy in particular;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government on such representations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. Representations from public representatives namely Shri Surendra Lath, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, Shri Manmohan Samal, Minister of Revenue, Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare, Government of Orissa and Shri Sriballav Panigrahi, Ex Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) and Ex Minister (Orissa), president Orissa Colliery Mazdoor Sangh (INTUC) were received for relaxation in uniform specifications of paddy for Kharif Marketing Season 2004-05. It has been mentioned in the representations that Orissa is prone to frequent unprecedented natural calamity affecting the normal crop quality specially paddy which is a staple food of the State. The cultivators are poor and marginal to sustain such economic setback due to crop failure. Request for relaxation was also received from the State Government.

(e) In order to reduce the hardship of farmers and to avoid distress sale of paddy, Government has allowed relaxation in uniform specifications of paddy for Kharif Marketing Season 2004-05 with value cut on 17th November, 2004 in the State of Orissa as under:

(i) The maximum limit in respect of damaged, discoloured, sprouted and weevilled grains may be allowed up 5% against 3% provided under uniform specifications.

(ii) The maximum limit in respect of immature, shrunken and shriveled grains may be allowed up 5% against 3% provided under uniform specifications.